

Senate Study Bill 1109 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION
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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the qualifications of
3 electors.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of
4 Iowa, as amended by the amendment of 1970, is repealed and the
5 following adopted in lieu thereof:

6 Section 1. **Electors.** Only a citizen of the United States
7 of the age of eighteen years, who shall have been a resident
8 of this state for such period of time as shall be provided by
9 law and of the county in which the citizen claims the citizen's
10 vote for such period of time as shall be provided by law, shall
11 be entitled to vote at all elections which are authorized by
12 law. However, for purposes of a primary election, a United
13 States citizen must be at least eighteen years of age as of
14 the next general election following the primary election. The
15 required periods of residence shall not exceed six months in
16 this state and sixty days in the county.

17 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO ELECTORATE. The foregoing proposed
18 amendment, having been adopted and agreed to by the 89th
19 General Assembly, Second Session, thereafter duly published,
20 and now adopted and agreed to by the 90th General Assembly in
21 this joint resolution, shall be submitted to the people of the
22 state of Iowa at the general election in November of the year
23 2024 in the manner required by the Constitution of the State of
24 Iowa and the laws of the state of Iowa.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
29 Constitution of the State of Iowa, for adoption by the second
30 consecutive general assembly, relating to the qualification of
31 electors. The joint resolution reduces the voting age in the
32 Constitution of the State of Iowa from 21 years of age to 18
33 years of age, except that a person who will be 18 years of age
34 by the next general election shall be permitted to vote in a
35 primary election. Eighteen years of age is the current voting

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1 age for every election in the United States due to the adoption
2 of the 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

3 The resolution, if adopted, would be submitted to the
4 electorate for ratification at the general election in November
5 2024.